

**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19**  
**2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054**  
**MEETING NOTES FROM September 9, 2021 – Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER: Bert called meeting to order at 9:03

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty , Helen Daly, Brooks Corl, Chris McCaffrey, Bert Lannon, Elizabeth Derwin, Bill Brown, Lisette Walter, Debbie Sand

Bert introduces the new Outreach worker, Debbie Sand to the Board

Secretary's Report

Motion to accept unanimous

Treasurer's Report

None at this time

HESSCO Report

- No permanent replacement for this position as yet.
- Elizabeth will continue as COA rep until a new person is found
- There was no meeting this week because of Jewish Holiday, next meeting will be held next week

Outreach Report:

- Debbie Sand reports that she has worked with 42 people for a total interactions of 226 including
- Housing problems – working with ERMA-RAFTA to get up to 10K from the State to avert evictions- hoping to pay all back rent and also help to avert evictions – now working with 4 people
- those in need of food stamps
- those in need of help with food
- Friends in Deed offered to give meals – probably during the Holidays
- women's shelters are full (25 on wait list)

Director's Report:

- Patty reports that she has looked into Elizabeth's suggestions for presentations of Dr. Gary Hylander who is a history professor and has presentations available to view on You Tube.
- Should we offer meetings at the Library – Sr. Center does not have adequate space to hold such presentations. Elizabeth suggests that we could offer a series of 4 over the winter months.
- A new Dept Assistant has been hired – Sandy Moore
- Request was made that Helen's notes of each meeting be sent to the Board members when written so that all may be able to read before the next meeting. Patty will send to every member when she receives from Helen

Chairman's Report

- No Chairmen's report

Old Business

- Sr. Center work group next meeting scheduled for 9/17 at 9am – Department Heads only invited – Helen not invited to attend. Discussion as to why as the committee was set up to include certain members.
- Motion made: Move to have Patty respond to the PBC that COA requests additional Board member be in attendance for each meeting. - Motion passed with a unanimous vote
- Podiatry – Helen raised the issue of Medicare being charged a total of \$490.00 in June for “removal of toe nails from 6 or more toes and for an outpatient visit total time of 45-59 minutes. Even though Medicare approved \$226.78 and paid \$181.42 leaving a balance of \$45.36 which the secondary insurance should cover. We were under the impression that toe nail cutting on this first appointment with Main St. Podiatry would be Free. Dr. Cooper charged \$30.00 to each patient which was paid directly to him for this appointment.; Patty will clarify in the next newsletter

#### New Business

- New Van: As there is a shortage of new vehicles due to chip shortage Patty has found a 2021 Ford 9 seater van with a rear entrance ramp and all wheel drive. Seats are easy to move around. This vehicle has been put on HOLD pending Select Board approval this coming Monday night. Linsky has awarded an Earmark of \$60,000 to help cover the cost of \$65K – balance will be paid by the Friends group, Patty will request that the old van will not be offered as trade-in, we will either sell it outright and give proceeds to either our Friends group or the general fund. A celebration will be held with Linsky in attendance as a “Thank you” to him when it is received.
- Grab & Go lunches – HESSCO will provide to all for a \$3.00 donation – lunches will include sandwich, salad, chips, dessert and lemonade.
- FY22 & FY23 Capital Planning request submitted to Capital Planning Committee for:  
new flooring for RM 19 and new freezer for the kitchen
- Halloween Variety Show will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm which will be presented by Big Smile Entertainment upon approval of the Friends group. Snacks will be offered
- Ruth Harcovitz has offered her “Songs of WWII” on 11/3 at 1pm . Sandwiches will be offered either by McDonalds, Roche Bros or made in house by Patty with help from Board members – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- A note that Geological Wonders presentation drew only 9 people – seems that all Sr. Centers are having problems drawing people back at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM

**Next COA Board Meeting: THURSDAY November 4, 2021  
9:00 AM– in RM 19 until further notice**